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Study at Western Washington University where you can explore your interests, engage in research and prepare to change the world.

Building a Better You
With the freedom to develop your independence and the individualized support to thoughtfully plan your future, you have the opportunity to take a leading role in building the future you want to see.
Learn more about the world around you in a supportive environment, where you can define yourself and help make a difference.

Collaborate and Achieve Success
At Western you will receive personal attention to ensure you achieve your goals. 99% of all classes are taught by faculty, many holding the highest degree in their field. You will collaborate with professors and other students in small classes, so you can fully engage with new ideas.

Leading Research to Change the World
From the moment you arrive you will be a part of a community committed to world-leading research. As a mostly undergraduate university, you will have access to research positions where you will gain practical experience in your field.

Explore Your Interests
A strong liberal arts tradition means ambitious students like you can explore every interest. Your degree will be a combination of classes focused on your chosen field, with the freedom to learn in other areas. With this varied approach to learning you will become a well-rounded citizen, able to communicate effectively and look at problems in new ways.

Prepare for Your Future
You will be supported by mentors and have access to career services to seek opportunities and grow your network. Students at Western go on to exciting careers for leading global companies including Microsoft, Boeing and Amazon. You will graduate from Western as a dynamic professional, ready to make a difference in the world.

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Located between two world class cities, you will love Bellingham’s breathtaking scenery and active community.

The Bellingham Lifestyle
Bellingham is a safe, clean city where community and adventure meet. You will quickly feel at home here, where you can relax on Western’s green campus, head to the vibrant downtown for coffee shops, live music, and a thriving arts scene, or join the action in the annual Ski to Sea race.

Share the Experience
Life at Western means getting involved and having a passion to try new things. With over 200 student clubs and organizations you will never be short of things to do. Visit the Underground Coffeehouse on campus for great coffee, food, and live music, cheer on the Vikings at a game, or simply relax across Western’s 215-acre campus with ample green spaces and captivating sculptures.

Discover Iconic Cities
Bellingham is located between the big cities of Vancouver B.C, Canada and Seattle, Washington. With an easy drive or train ride from Bellingham you can experience the best features of city life. Visit the world famous Space Needle or Pike Place Market in Seattle, or visit the world renowned Stanley Park in Vancouver for an exciting day out.

adventure is knocking
International Study Center

Take the first steps towards your future at the International Study Center. Join the community and prepare for your degree before progressing to Western Washington University.

Supported Study
Our experienced teachers will support you to adjust to life in the U.S. while introducing you to the many opportunities at Western. During your program you will live and learn on campus with access to the University’s facilities, services and student organizations. It won’t take long for you to become an active part of the community.

Dedicated Programs
Programs at the International Study Center are specially designed for ambitious international students who want to learn more about the world. We will help you to develop the English language, study skills and academic knowledge needed to succeed.

Career Ready
We will ensure that your program is career-focused and that you are developing skills for your future every step of the way. Our integrated CareerAhead service will help you gain valuable skills in leadership, organization, and communication to enhance your employability.
International Year

Offered as a one, two, or three quarter program, you will study a range of subjects to develop your language and study skills, while focusing on your chosen field. After successfully completing your International Year, you will be able to progress to your undergraduate degree at Western.

Improve Your English
If you need to improve your English language level before starting your program, you can start your journey with the Intensive English Program. Delivered by Western, the Intensive English Program offers six levels of coursework to help you develop your speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. Once you have successfully completed Level 4, you can choose to continue your study at Western in the International Study Center. By starting with this specialized study, you will enter your program ready to succeed.

WHAT'S YOUR ENGLISH LEVEL?

UNIVERSITY DEGREE TIMELINE

Q1
Q2
Q3
Q4
YEAR 1
YEAR 2
YEAR 3
YEAR 4

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
English:
TOEFL 79 overall
IELTS 6.5
Embassy English Level C1

Students will take a variety of academic content courses and English for Academic Purposes courses during their International Year. Actual coursework will vary and will depend on a student’s academic background and chosen degree program.

Sample disciplines may include:
- Math
- English
- Finance
- Leadership
- Dance
- Energy Studies

A student’s International Study Center study plan is determined by her/his arrival English placement test, and can be longer or shorter than her/his original study plan in the offer letter. Students are required to complete their study plans at the International Study Center consecutively without quarter breaks. Students must earn a 2.0 GPA in IEP coursework in order to advance to the next quarter. The Intensive English Program includes an academic seminar designed to assist students in their academic content course(s). Students must complete the International Year with a 2.0 GPA in Intensive English coursework and a 2.0 GPA in their academic content courses in order to fully matriculate into Western.
The Pre-Master’s Program will help you gain the skills you need to succeed in your Masters of Business Administration program at Western Washington University.

The Pre-Master’s Program is offered as a one, two, or three-quarter program preparing you for studying a Masters of Business Administration degree. We will support you to develop your English language and academic skills to succeed in your degree and your future career. After successfully completing your Pre-Master’s Program, you will be able to progress to your Masters of Business Administration program at Western.

Masters of Business Administration at Western
The Masters of Business Administration (MBA) at Western has AACSB Accreditation, a distinction recognized worldwide. This puts Western among the top 5% of business schools globally.

During your MBA you will receive specialized mentorship in small classes, dedicated career services, access to graduate assistant positions and facilitated internship opportunities. You will acquire technical, managerial and leadership skills which you will apply in a consulting capstone project where you will advise a business on start-up, growth or pivot strategies. This varied coursework is designed to help you build a comprehensive foundation for growth throughout your career.

Upon completion of the MBA program you will have gained the skills needed to be an adaptable, hardworking leader ready to build on your current career or enter a new field.

ENGLISH ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
TOEFL 70 overall
IELTS 6.0 (no minimum bands)
INTAKE: Spring (April)

ENGLISH ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
TOEFL 60 overall
IELTS 5.5 (no minimum bands)
INTAKE: Winter (January)

ENGLISH ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
TOEFL 50 overall
IELTS 5.0 (no minimum bands)
INTAKE: Fall (September)

DIRECT ADMISSION
English: Specific for each pathway. See above.
INTAKE: January, April, September

WHAT IS YOUR ENGLISH LEVEL?

STUDY PLAN OPTIONS

1-QUARTER
DIRECT ADMISSION
English: Specific for each pathway. See above.
INTAKE: Summer (June)

1-QUARTER
PRE-MASTER’S PROGRAM
English: Specific for each pathway. See above.
INTAKE: January, April, September

2-QUARTER
DIRECT ADMISSION
English: Specific for each pathway. See above.
INTAKE: Summer (June)

PRE-MASTER’S PROGRAM
English: Specific for each pathway. See above.
INTAKE: January, April, September

3-QUARTER
DIRECT ADMISSION
English: Specific for each pathway. See above.
INTAKE: Summer (June)

PRE-MASTER’S PROGRAM
English: Specific for each pathway. See above.
INTAKE: January, April, September

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Sample courses may include:
- Business English
- Reading
- Writing
- Speaking/Listening
- Business Calculus
- Marketing
- Financial Accounting

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International Year Progression Degrees

College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Anthropology/Biology, BA *
- Anthropology/Social Studies, BA
- Archaeology
- Anthropology/Archaeology, BA
- Behavioral Neuroscience, BS
- Biocultural Anthropology, BA
- Chinese Language and Culture, BA *
- Communication Sciences and Disorders, BA *
- Communication Studies, BA *
- Community Health, BS
- East Asian Studies, BA + English *
- - Creative Writing, BA *
- - Literature, BA *
- - French, BA *
- - German, BA *
- - History
- - History, BA *
- - History/Social Studies, BA
- Humanities *
- - History of Culture, BA
- - Religion and Culture, BA *
- - Japanese, BA *
- - Journalism
- - Environmental Studies/Journalism, BA
- - News/Editorial, BA
- - Public Relations, BA *
- - Visual Journalism, BA
- Kinesiology
- - Health and Fitness Specialist, BS *
- - Movement Studies, BS
- - Pre-Health Care Professions, BS
- - Pre-Physical Therapy, BS
- - Sport Psychology, BS *
- - Linguistics, BA *
- - Multidisciplinary Studies, BA
- - Philosophy, BA +
- - Physical Education & Health P-12, BAE
- - Theatre, BA *
- - Sociology, BA, BS *
- - Sociology/Social Studies, BA +
- - Spanish, BA *
- - Student/Faculty Designed, BA, BS

College of Science and Engineering
- Biology, BA, BS *
- - Biology/Biotechnology, BS
- - Biology/Mathematics, BS
- - Biology – Secondary Teaching, BS *
- - Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology, BS
- - Marine Biology, BS
- - Molecular and Cell Biology, BS
- - Chemistry, BA, BS *
- - Biochemistry, BS
- - Computer Science, BS *
- - Computer and Information Systems Security, BS
- - Engineering & Design
- - Electrical Engineering – Electronics, BS
- - Electrical Engineering – Energy, BS *
- - Industrial Design, BS
- - Industrial Technology – Vehicle Design, BS *
- - Manufacturing Engineering, BS *
- - Plastics and Composites Engineering, BS
- - Geology, BA, BS *
- - Geophysics, BS
- - Mathematics, BA, BS *
- - Applied Mathematics, BS
- - Mathematics/Computer Science, BS
- - Statistics, BS
- - Physics and Astronomy *
- - Physics, BS *
- - Science Education, BA *

Pre-Professional Pathways *
- Pre-Chiropractic, PreProf
- Pre-Dentistry, PreProf
- Pre-Law, PreProf
- Pre-Medicine, PreProf
- Pre-Nursing, PreProf
- Pre-Nutrition, PreProf
- Pre-Occupational Therapy, PreProf
- Pre-Optometry, PreProf
- Pre-Pharmacy, PreProf
- Pre-Physical Therapy, PreProf
- Pre-Physician Assistant, PreProf
- Pre-Veterinary, PreProf

*The Pre-Professional Pathways are not offered as majors, but can be incorporated into or taken alongside majors offered at Western.

College of Business and Economics
- Accounting, BA *
- - Business Administration *
- - Business and Sustainability, BA *
- - Business and Sustainability - Energy Studies, BA
- - Finance, BA
- - International Business, BA *
- - Management, BA
- - Management Information Systems, BA
- - Marketing, BA *
- - Operations Management, BA
- - Economics, BA *
- - Economics/Accounting, BA
- - Economics/Environmental Studies, BA
- - Economics/Mathematics, BA
- - Economics/Political Science, BA
- - Economics/Social Studies, BA
- - Financial Economics, BA
- - Politics/Philosophy/ Economics, BA
- - Manufacturing and Supply Chain Management, BS *

Woodring College of Education
- Early Childhood Education, BAE *
- Elementary Education Professional Program *
- Exceptionality & Disability, BAE
- Human Services, BA
- Language, Literacy and Cultural Studies, BAE
- Nursing (RN-to-BSN), BSN Δ
- Secondary Education Professional Program
- Special Education, BA *

College of Fine and Performing Arts
- Art *
- - Art History, BA *
- - Art Studio, BA, BFA *
- - Dance, BA, BFA *
- - Design, BA, BFA *
- - Music Composition, BMus *
- - Music Education, P-12, BMus
- - Music History and Literature, BMus *
- - Music Performance, BMus
- - Theatre, BA *

Huxley College of the Environment
- Environmental Science, BS *
- - Freshwater Ecology, BS
- - Marine Ecology, BS
- - Terrestrial Ecology, BS
- - Toxicology, BS
- - Environmental Studies, BA *
- - Environmental Education, BA
- - Environmental Policy, BA *
- - Geography, BA *
- - Geography/Social Studies, BA
- - Urban Planning and Sustainable Development, BA +
- - Student/Faculty Designed, BA, BS

Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies
- Fairhaven Interdisciplinary Concentration, BA, BAE
- - Law, Diversity and Justice Concentration, BA *

Other Interdisciplinary Studies
- American Cultural Studies, BA *
- Canadian-American Studies, BA *
- - Energy Policy and Management, BA *
- - International Studies

- Leadership Studies

* minor offered (additional minors in a range of disciplines are also available)
* required teaching endorsement offered
Δ requires specialized transfer degree
BA/Bachelor of Arts degree
BS/Bachelor of Science degree
BAE/Bachelor of Arts, Education degree
BMus/Bachelor of Music degree
BFA/Bachelor of Fine Arts, BSN/Bachelor of Science in Nursing

This list of academic programs is subject to change.

Pre-Master’s Program Progression Degrees

College of Business and Economics
- Master of Business Administration

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where you belong

Students at Western support each other and work together to have an impact on the world. You will easily find the perfect balance between your studies and becoming part of an active community.

Live on a Green Campus
As one of the first environmental colleges in the nation, students at Western take pride in the community commitment to sustainability. Every year, students vote to continue the 100% renewable energy program on campus, and the University Dining Services has zero-waste initiatives at all dining locations. You will love living on a green campus with fresh air and great scenery.

Feel at Home
You can live in one of 16 residence halls at Western, each with its own unique architecture and community. Most offer double rooms with shared living spaces, allowing you to easily make new friends and integrate to life here. There are residences to suit all lifestyles, whether you want to live in alcohol-free areas or with students who share your academic interests.

Get Involved
All students are encouraged to join the Western community by getting involved on campus. You can try something new in over 200 student-led clubs, 30 intramural sports, a debate team, comedy troupe, and many more academic, community services, arts, and professional societies. Explore your interests while meeting new people and building lasting relationships.

One of the places that I love to spend time studying or hanging out with friends is the Viking Union cafe. Nothing beats great coffee and a comfortable place to quietly study or chat with friends. The WWU community and most of all the International Student & Scholar Services has helped me so much and made me feel comfortable in my ‘home away from home’.

Tina from Japan
Studying Early Childhood Education

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how to apply

To apply to study at Western Washington University International Study Center, you will need to complete an application form and submit the relevant supporting documents. Our Student Enrollment Advisers are here to help and answer any questions you may have about your application. Advisers speak a variety of languages and understand several more. We will do our best to contact you in your preferred language.

Supporting documents may include:
- A copy of your valid passport
- Current I-20 and visa (if currently studying in the U.S.)
- Proof of English language proficiency: IELTS, TOEFL, Pearson Versant, or Embassy
- Certified copies of academic records, including transcripts and school leaving certificates
- Certified financial statements and Affidavit of Support

Graduate applicants may need to provide:
- Resume
- GRE/GMAT
- Personal Statement

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